

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

With respect, it is submitted that the prior art rejections combining Jantzen with Hollander and Sheng are groundless. Hollander does not provide a plurality of bins within a housing that move in unison, rotatable between closed and open positions. Hollander instead shows container device in which rows of housings are connected on opposite sides of each housing for the purpose of providing a stable configuration. This configuration is a bed frame for receiving a mattress. The container device is a plurality of wall members defining an interior storage space. The interior space is accessed through a hinged door or a slidable drawer.

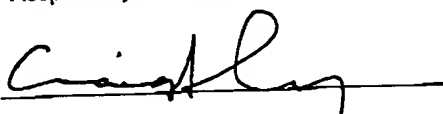
The present invention of a container unit does not form any type of furniture when connected with another container unit, nor do the connected container units provide support for another piece of furniture.

Since neither Jantzen nor Sheng provide any means for connecting the container units, it is submitted that the claims bring out this element and that the invention as defined by these claims is therefore new and not obvious in relation to the cited prior art.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be allowed, which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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